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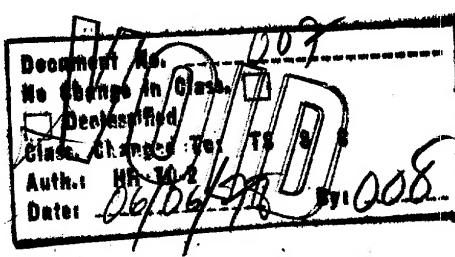
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1. In mid-October 1949, 30 Russian-speaking boys were being hired for duty at the South and West Fields, Peiping.
2. At South Field there were approximately fifteen planes under Soviet guard. There were indications that 122 Soviet foreigners were on duty at this installation. Chinese employed at South Field were warned that gossip about the activities at this airfield would be punished by death.
3. As of 19 October 1949, there were no signs of activity at West Field.
4. There were reports that 200 (sic) Soviet advisers were supervising a "new setup of CAT."*

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Comment. The phrase very likely means a new civilian air transport system which is making use of the Civil Air Transport facilities.

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